

## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)			
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Application No.: 10/057,969	;	Group Art Unit: 2852		
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants request that the aboveidentified application be further amended as follows.